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PHILADELPHIA WOMAN INDICTED FOR POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE 500 GRAMS OR MORE OF COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Philadelphia, Penn., woman was indicted by a federal grand jury today for possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine.

Chanel W. Smith, 28, of Philadelphia, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Smith** possessed with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine on March 22, 2004.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Candace R. Cole. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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